

Primary Care Providers Keep You Healthy



and Take Care of You When You Get Sick

- 1. Like a car- your body needs regular check-ups
- 2. It is important that one health provider helps to take care of your basic health needs- not just a part of your body like many specialists do
- 3. Primary care providers help you in many different ways
 - ▼ They teach you how to stay healthy
 - ♥ They can treat you before health problems become serious
 - ▼ They help you to keep your immunizations up-to-date thus preventing illnesses that can cause:
 - ◆ Pain
 - ♦ Fever
 - ♦ Coughs
 - Sore throats
 - ♦ Hearing loss
- ♦ Blindness
- ♦ Crippling
- Brain damage
 - ♦ Death
- They refer you to specialty care when you need it
- 4. Caring for yourself when you are sick takes a lot of time-your life is much easier when you stay as healthy as possible

